

66. PUPA CONOIDEA, Newcomb MSS. *P. testa perforata, globoso-conica, tenui, striatula, diaphana, parum nitida, fusca; spira conoidea, apice obtusa; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$, convexis, ultimo $\frac{1}{3}$ longitudinis aequante, basi rotundato; apertura parum obliqua, semicirculari, edentula; peristomate simplice, expansiusculo, margine columnellari subdilatato, patente.*

Long. $1\frac{1}{2}$, diam. 1 mill.

Hab. in Demerara (Newcomb).

3. ON A NEW SPECIES OF SUTHORA FROM CHINA.

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SUTHORA WEBBIANA. (Aves, Pl. XLIX.)

Crown of the head and back of the neck sandy red, passing into the olive tint of the back and upper surface generally; tail of the same colour, but of a shade darker than the back; primaries strongly edged with bright rufous; throat and breast light buff, washed with a rosy tint; abdomen inclined to olive; bill light brown, washed with rosy pink; legs either yellow or fleshy white.

Hab. China (Shang Hai).

A single specimen, collected by Mr. Webb, was presented by that gentleman to the British Museum. It is much larger than *S. nipalensis* and *fulvifrons*, and is figured of the natural size in the plate.

March 23, 1852.

Professor Owen, F.R.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Broderip communicated an account of a picture in his possession, which he exhibited, containing an original study of the Dodo from life, by Rolandt Savery*.

The following papers were read:—

1. ON THE SPECIES OF THE GENUS SERICINUS.

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In the Transactions of the Entomological Society of London for 1851 (p. 173), Mr. Westwood established a Lepidopterous genus under the name of *Sericinus*, which he founded on bad specimens of an insect sent from Shanghai by Mr. R. Fortune, and then supposed to comprise "both sexes" of the insect figured by Donovan in his 'Insects of China,' pl. 27. f. 1, under the appellation of *Papilio Telamon*, no specimen of which, as Mr. Westwood justly observed, was then known to exist "in any continental or British collections."

* A portion of this Picture will be engraved in the Transactions.



SUTHORA WEBBIANA G R Gray

Lately Mr. Fortune has returned to this country, bringing with him many specimens of the same insect in a more perfect state, which enables me to take up the genus and endeavour to define the species and give characters for each. I should state, however, that I think I shall be able to point out that these "two sexes" are, in fact, distinct species of the genus.

I think it best, first, to give a description of the species figured by Donovan under the name of *Papilio Telamon*, but which will now stand under that of

SERICINUS TELAMON, Westw.

The fore wings yellowish white, with the anterior and most of the exterior margins rather broadly edged with black; an abbreviated line in the middle, another at the anterior part of the costal area, and then a curved line of irregular spots, which ends towards the posterior angle, and with two small spots at the anterior angle near the outer margin, also one spot on the inner margin, black. The hind wings yellowish white, with the anal angle black, which apparently extends towards the anterior margin by two oblong spots of the same colour; the anal angle is ornamented by a crimson line that reaches to the third nervure from the inner margin; there are also three pale blue lunes. The under surface of the fore wings is very similar to the upper side, except that the black which surrounds the anterior and part of the exterior margins is not apparent. The under surface of the hind wings is also similar to the upper side, except that the spot of the anterior margin is ornamented by a crimson centre.

Donovan informs us that the only specimen brought to Europe was taken near Peking, by a gentleman in the suite of Earl Macartney, and was at that time, when Donovan figured it, in the possession of Mr. Francillon.

Having thus recorded the peculiarities of the species which must be considered the type of this genus, I shall now point out how one series of specimens brought by Mr. Fortune differ from it, though in general they are very similar to the one just described. Yet the uniformity of all the specimens of the series, which comes nearest to Donovan's figure, induces me, provisionally at least, to form it into a separate species, under the name of

SERICINUS MONTELA*. (Cat. of Lepid. B. M. i. 78. pl. 13. fig. 1, 2.)

Like the preceding; but the fore wings have a large subtriangular black spot very near the base, which is divided into three spots by the nervures. The anterior margin is slightly edged, and the exterior margin is, for most part, broadly margined with black. The hind wings have a broad band obliquely across the costal area, and the crimson band at the anal angle appears broader in this species.

* *Sericinus Telamon*, Westw. & Hewits. Gen. Diurnal Lep. p. 530 suppl. pl. 1. fig. 1.